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Official Diary

Thursday, 9 April 1953

1. At morning meeting, raised with Director the report that ONI, miffed at failure of British to produce manifests from ships trading to Red China, intended to refuse access to photographs of ships to British party arriving this month for semi-annual revision of the China shipping studies. I said that we had done everything to urge [redacted] furnish such manifests (see cable [redacted] and asked DCI to urge upon [redacted] the danger of such intransigence - - that the forthcoming conference submit a split report. DCI undertook to do so and did, with results as yet unascertained by me. Later learned that [redacted] said he hadn't really made up his mind and would consider carefully before refusing to make all the evidence available.

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2. Conferred with [redacted] about the developments on SE-38, Electromagnetic Capabilities and Intentions, and the problems of presenting all source dope to Pratt and his associates whose tenure was not expected to be long.

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Later, with [redacted] visited with [redacted] and opened up the whole broad subject of scientific and research organization of the Government. The generally agreed conclusion was that someone of the stature of [redacted] in World War II was needed, both for reasons of economy and effectiveness in bringing to bear scientific knowledge on national security problems. Telecommunications advisors' functions would fall under such a czar, who must of course be full time and adequately staffed. [redacted] undertook to prepare an anonymous memorandum for [redacted] consideration with [redacted]

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3. Attended IAC meeting which passed SE-40 and NIE-59 with minor amendments. Also agreed that beginning Tuesday, 28 April, the IAC's regular meeting hour would be 10:45 on Tuesdays. DCI undertook to furnish IAC members with copies of his significant briefings at NSC meetings starting with the one on the succession and peace offensive problem delivered yesterday.

4. Conferred with AD/CD on super-grade problems and on the handling of cables from State.

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5. Conferred with AD/RR on China research and the organization of the beach-head at NSA. Agreed that [redacted] should be got hold of as soon as possible. Said we would make a GS-16 rating available to him and would provide a DCI waiver on clearance if necessary.

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6. Conferred with ^{25X1A9a} [REDACTED] on project ^{25X1A2g} [REDACTED] and other current intelligence items.

7. Visited with ^{25X1A9a} [REDACTED] for an hour on the general subject of allocation of responsibility for economic intelligence on China. At the end, he appeared generally won over to the logic of my argument that the boundaries of the bloc should be the limiting line between O/IR and O/RR, but asked for a week to discuss the matter further with his people.

8. Visited briefly with ^{25X9A6} [REDACTED] who seems to be well established in O/CI.

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